

## **Alexandria City Academy**

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# Planning & Zoning

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## Strategic Plan

- Goal 1: Alexandria has quality development and redevelopment, support for local businesses and a strong, diverse and growing local economy.
- **Goal 2:** Alexandria respects, protects and enhances the health of its citizens and the quality of its natural environment.
- Goal 3: A multimodal transportation network that supports sustainable land use and provides internal mobility and regional connectivity for Alexandrians.
- Goal 4: Alexandria is a community that supports and enhances the well-being, success and achievement of children, youth and families.
- Goal 5: Alexandria is financially sustainable, efficient, community oriented and values its employees.
- Goal 6: The City protects the safety and security of its residents, businesses, employees and visitors.
- **Goal 7:** Alexandria is a caring and inclusive community that values its rich diversity, history and culture, and promotes affordability.



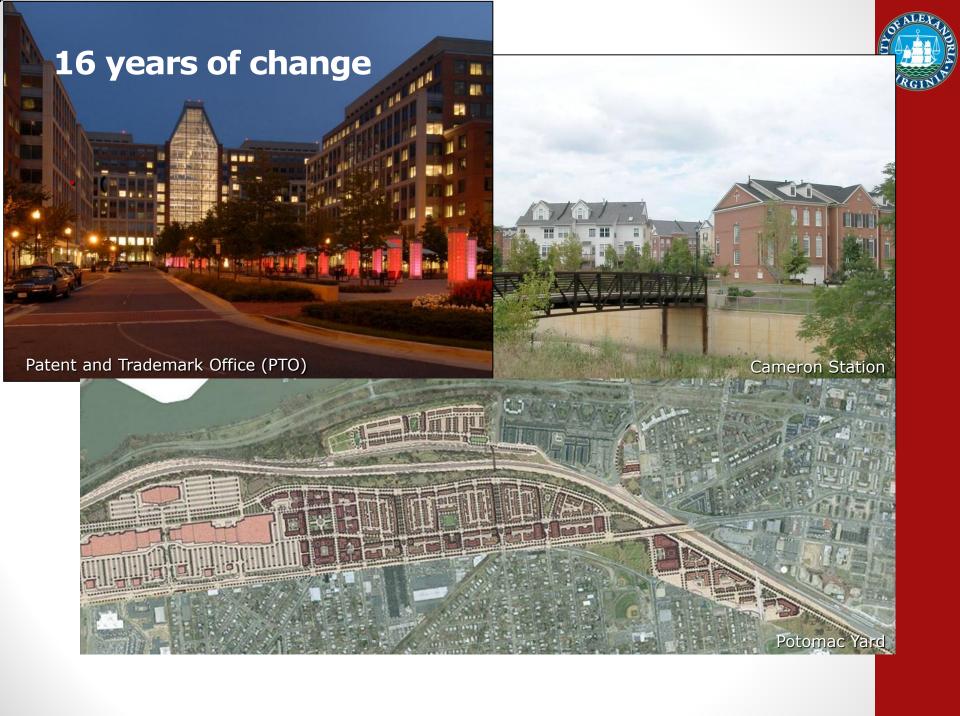
## What do we try to achieve?

- Actively engage the public in planning
- Key planning principles for quality of life:
  - Protect existing neighborhoods
  - Create community:
    - Walkable
    - Compact neighborhoods with a variety of community resources and activities – mixed use, mixed income
    - Identity
  - Transit-friendly
  - Economic and fiscal sustainability
  - Community benefits infrastructure, affordable housing, open spaces, public art



## Organization: Divisions

- Administration
- Land Use Services
  - Zoning
  - Planning Commission Support
  - Historic Preservation
- Development major projects
- Neighborhood Planning and Community Development – long-range plans
- GIS serves all City departments with geographic information





## Regional Location

- Inner suburb, within the Beltway, 10 minutes to Washington, D.C.
- Close to National Airport
- Four Metro stations a fifth on the way
- Regional policy: Infill here helps reduce sprawl, provide for efficient use of land and infrastructure, supports transit and minimizes vehicle miles traveled in the region

## Building on Alexandria's Treasures

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- Waterfront
- Rich history
- Walkable, varied urban fabric of Old Town and other areas that pre-date the automobile
- Established residential neighborhoods
- Green crescent of open spaces
- Diverse population
- Variety of economic activity

## Waterfront





Ford's Landing and Harborside



City Marina Area



Seaport Foundation boatmaking



Crew on the Potomac

# History





The Lyceum

Monument to the

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Ownerships in 1750



Downtown traffic



Cotton Factory Building

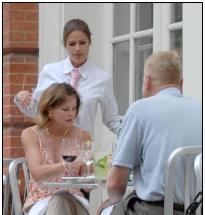


## Old Town











## **Tourism**







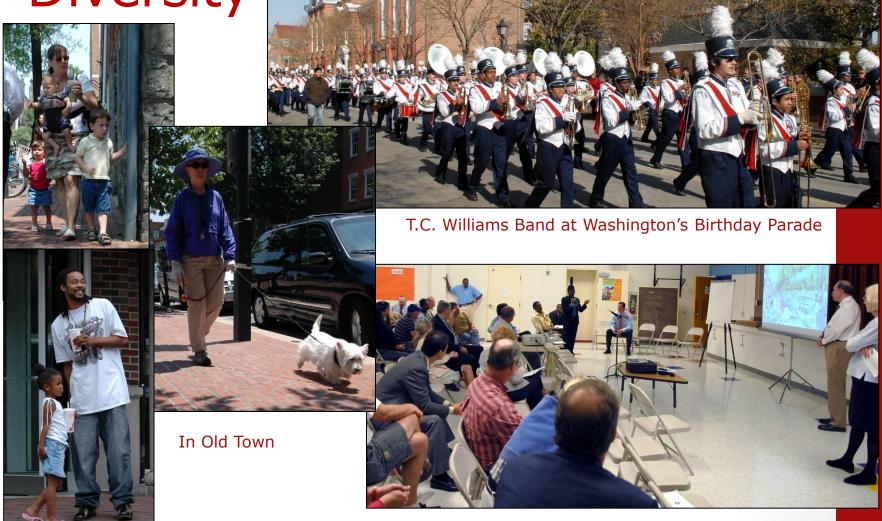


# Neighborhoods



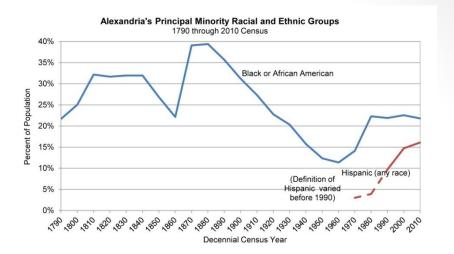


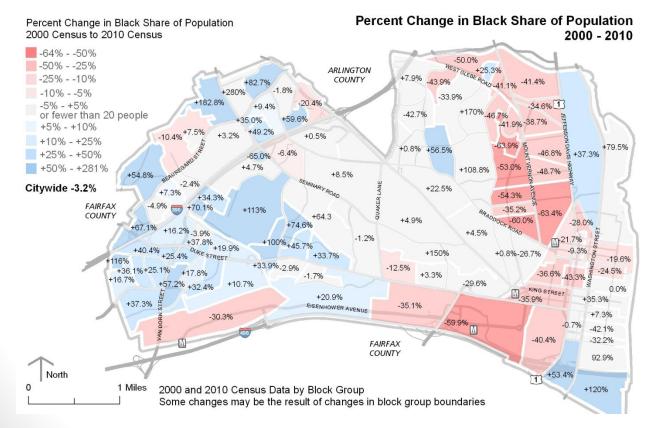
Diversity



Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan community meeting



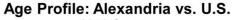


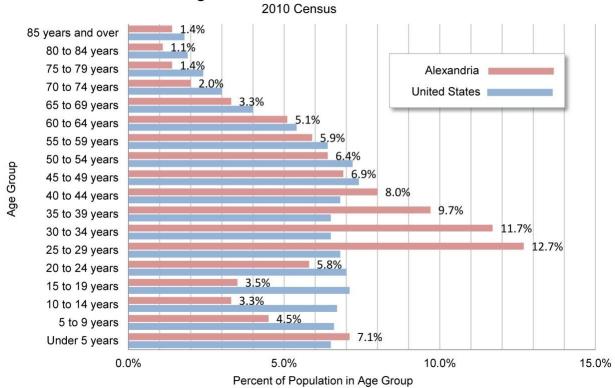




















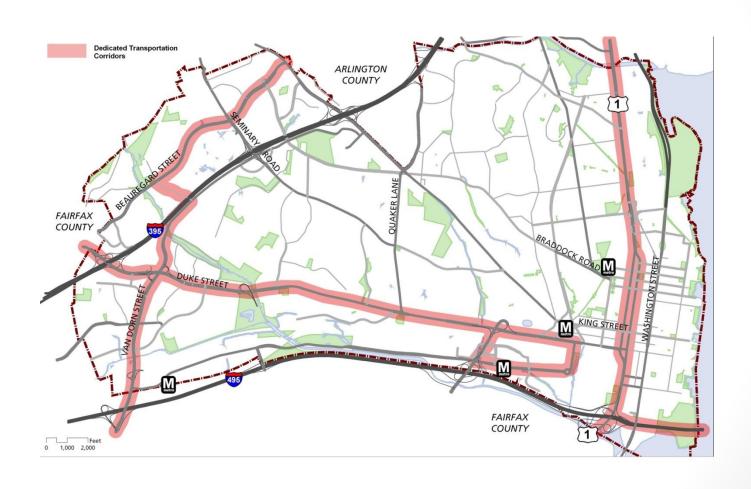


## Metro



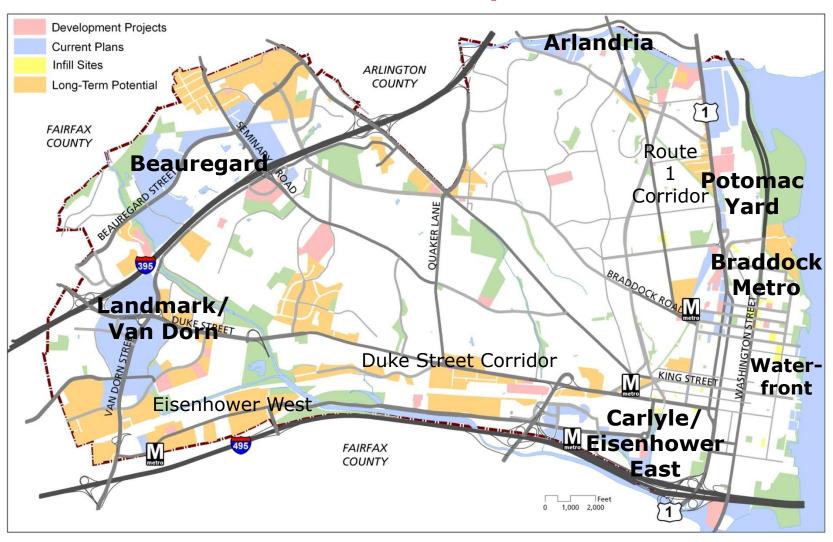


## Transportation Master Plan





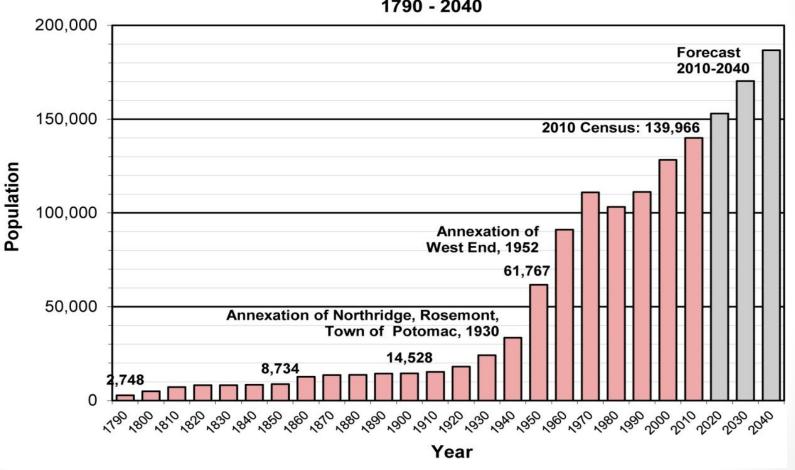
## Future Development





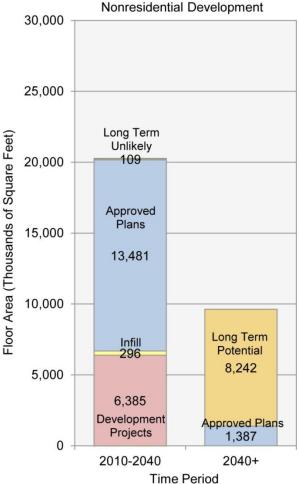
## Population Forecast

Historical and Forecast Population of Alexandria 1790 - 2040













## Changes

- Change in types of households seeking a place to live – young families choosing urban living
- Senior share of population will double by 2050
- Close-in locations are increasingly attractive
- Traffic congestion will only increase we can't build our way out of congestion – choices are critical



## The "third place"

☐ The third place is a term used in the concept of community building to refer to social surroundings separate from the two usual social environments of home and the workplace.











## Co-location Opportunities

☐ In cities with limited land, the trend is toward colocation: multiple public uses in the same location, or a mix of public and private uses.



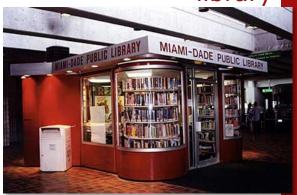
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Affordable housing/fire station



Cafe kiosk outside library



Library kiosk in transi cente

# Planning and Growth Management

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- An orderly process by which decisions are made to shape our future
- The city is a living thing in a constantly changing environment.
  - Half the city's population moved here within the past five years.
  - Half the city's current building space has been built, rebuilt or substantially rehabilitated in the past 20 years.
- A city must adapt and constantly renew itself from within in order to thrive.



## **Plans**

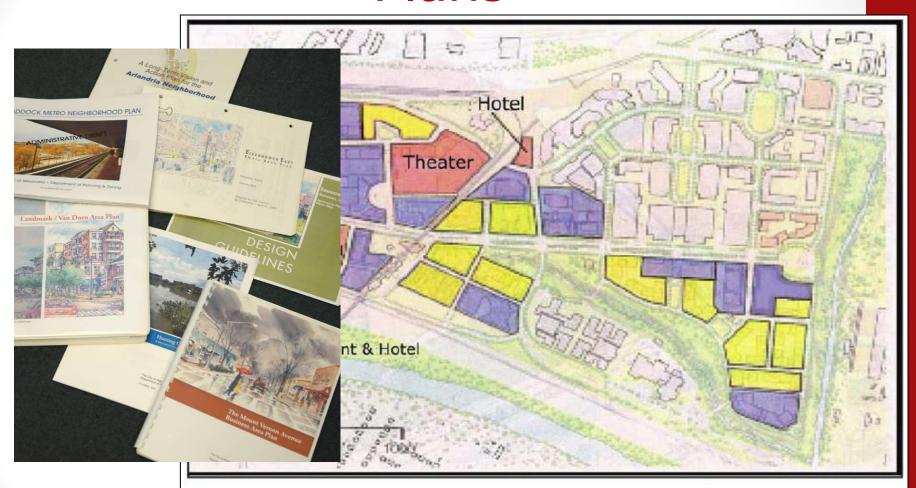
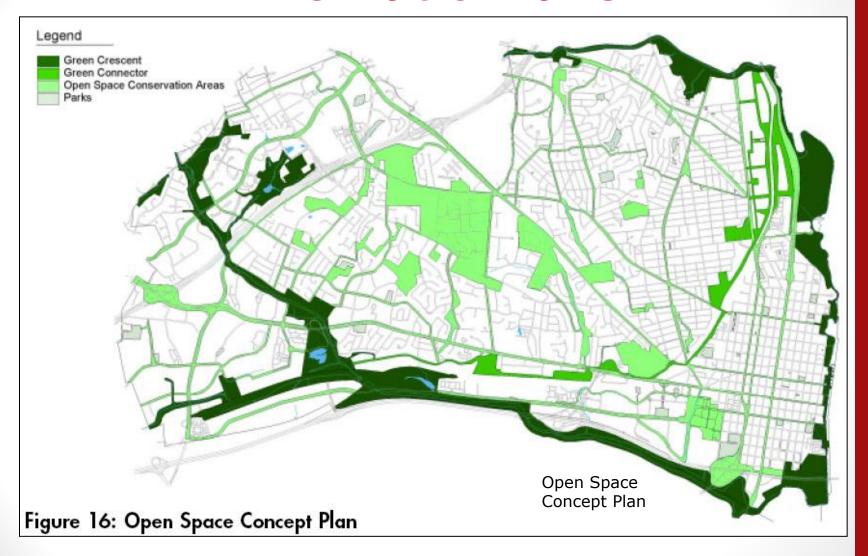


Figure 4-5 Land Use

Eisenhower East Land Use Plan



## Thematic Plans





### How does it work?

Workshop



- Context
- Issues
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Goals, Vision
- Alternatives

Planning and Design Principles

- Conceptual
   Alternatives
- Detailed options
- Evaluation
- Preferred option
- Planning and Design Principles

Draft Plan

- Scenario testing
- Draft Plan
  - Vision
  - Land Use
  - Urban Form
  - Circulation
  - Housing
  - Open Space
  - Public Facilities
  - Implementation

Final Plan

- Zoning
- PublicReview
- Hearings
- Formal Adoptions

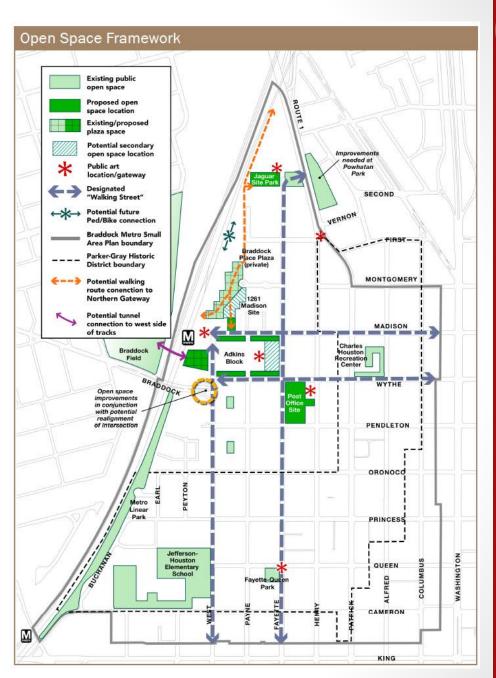
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Workshop

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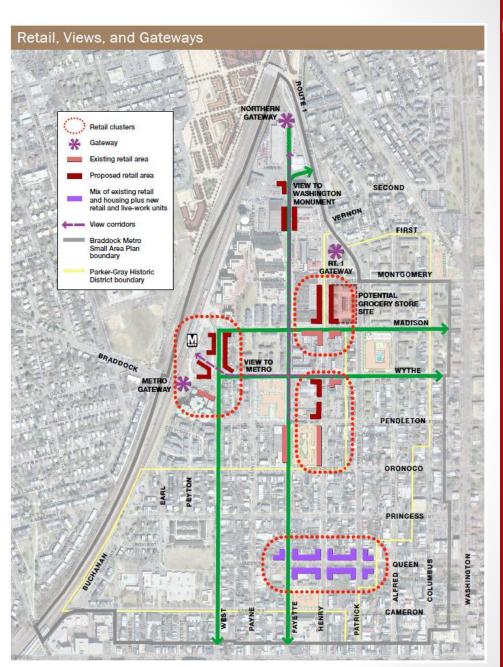
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A **framework** of activities, streets and open spaces



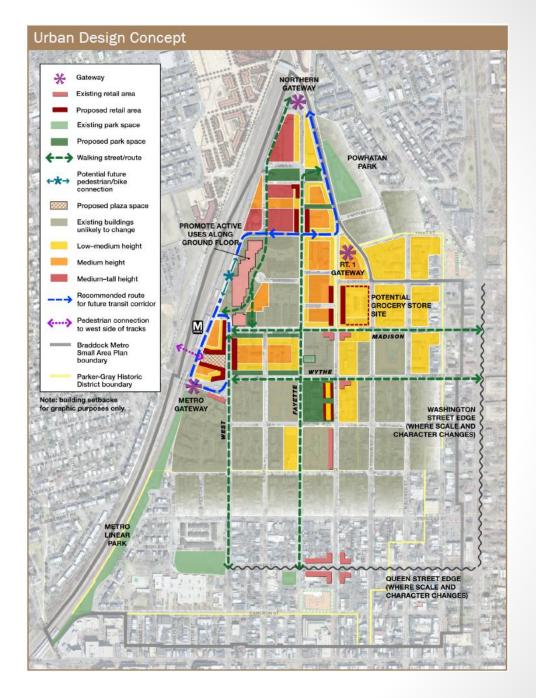


Retail areas as a hub of neighborhood activity and character





Heights as a character-defining feature, relating to open spaces and transitioning to existing neighborhoods





Building Height Examples 65–75 FEET

#### Analog from Alexandria



Analogs from elsewhere





Colecroft Station

Portland, OR

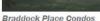
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#### Examples of **building** heights

#### Building Height Examples

#### Analogs from Alexandria







**Duke Street Marriott** 

#### Analogs from elsewhere





Atlanta, GA

#### FEET **Building Height Examples**

#### Analog from Alexandria



Residential building in the Carlyle District

#### Analogs from elsewhere



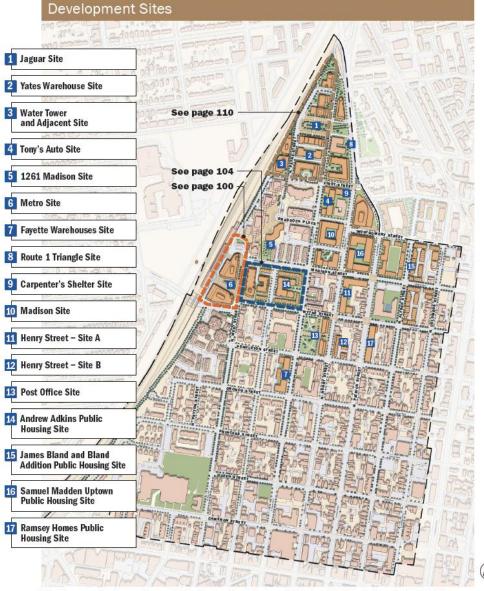




Harbor East, Baltimore, MD



#### **Development Sites**







#### **Development Guidance:**

#### **Uses and Intensity** of Development

DEVELOPMENT TABLE			EXISTING PARCEL							PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT				
	SITE	CHARACTER AREA	PARCEL AREA		EXISTING DEVELOP- MENT	CURRENT ZONING	CUR- RENT ALLOW- ABLE F.A.R. (1)	CUR- RENT ALLOW- ABLE HEIGHT (1)	CURRENT ALLOW- ABLE DEVELOP- MENT (1)	TOTAL DEVELOP- MENT	PRO- POSED FA.R.	PROPOSED MAX. HEIGHT		
			SF	ACRES	SF			FEET	SF	SF		FEET		
1	Jaguar Site	Gateway Area	308,000	7.07	102,000	OCM-50 &CRMU/H	1.5 to 2.5	77 to 90	496,500	770,000	2.5 (2)	50 to 150		
2	Yates Warehouse Site	Gateway Area	23,000	0.53	12,000	CRMU/H	2.5	77 to 90	57,500	57,500	2.5 (2)	50 to 90		
3	Water Tower and Adjacent Site	Gateway Area	25,000	0.57	8,000	OCM-50 & UT	0.5 to 1.5	50 to 77	30,000	50,000	2.5 (2)	90 to 120		
4	Tony's Auto Site	Mid-Neighbor- hood Area	41,600	0.96	10,000	CRMU/H	2.5	77 to 90	104,000	104,000	2.5	50 to 90		
5	1261 Madison Site	West Neighbor- hood Area	49,000	1.12	0	CRMU/H	2.5	77	122,500	122,500	2.5	77		
6	Metro Site	West Neighbor- hood Area	139,000	3.19	0	UT	0.5	50	69,500	291,000 (4)	3.0 (4)	30 to 77		
7	Fayette Warehouses Site	West and Mid- Neighborhood Area	42,000	0.96	32,000	CRMU/M & CRMU/H	2.0 to 2.5	50 to 70	95,000	95,000	2.0 to 2.5	40		
8	Route 1 Triangle Site	Gateway Area	126,000	2.89	110,000	OCM-50 & CRMU/H	1.5 to 2.5	77 to 90	242,000	242,000	2.0	50 to 70		
9	Carpenter's Shelter Site	Mid-Neighbor- hood Area	36,000	0.83	18,500	CRMU/H	2.5	77 to 90	90,000	90,000	2.5	50 to 90		
10	Madison Site	Mid-Neighbor- hood Area	113,000	2.59	70,000	CRMU/H	2.5	77	283,000	283,000 (8)	2.5	50 to 90		
11	Henry Street-Site A	Mid-Neighbor- hood Area	56,000	1.29	24,000	CSL	0.75	50	42,000	42,000	0.75	40 to 50		
12	Henry Street-Site B	Mid-Neighbor- hood Area	30,000	0.69	0	CSL	0.75	50	22,500	22,500	0.75	50		
13	Post Office Site	Mid-Neighbor- hood Area	87,000 (6)	2.00	19,000	CRMU/M	2.0	50 to 77	174,000	174,000 (7)	2.0 (6)	40 to 77		
	TOTAL		1,075,600	24.69	405,500				1,828,500	2,343,500 (total new sf)				
		NET TOTAL: 1,938,000 (total of less existing development of)												
									TOTAL INCREASE OVER CURRENT ALLOWABLE DEVELOPMENT: 515,000 (total new sf less current allowable sf)					
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14	Andrew Adkins Public Housing Site	West Neighbor- hood Area	175,000 (5)	4.02	148,000	RB	0.75	45	131,000	350,000 to 525,000	TBD	TBD		
15	James Bland and Bland Addition Public Housing Site	Parker-Gray Area	370,000	8.49	166,000	RB	0.75	45	277,500	462,500 to 745,000	TBD	TBD		
16	Samuel Madden Uptown Public Housing Site	Mid-Neighborhood Area	150,000	3.44	64,000	RB	0.75	45	112,500	300,000 to 375,000	TBD	TBD		
17	Ramsey Homes Public Housing Site	Parker-Gray Area	28,000	0.64	14,000	RB	0.75	45	21,000	21,000	TBD	TBD		
	TOTAL		723,000 16.59 392,000					542,000 1,133,500 to 1,666,000 (total new sf)						
		NET TOTAL: 741,500 to 1,274,000 (total of less existing development of)												
								TOTAL INCREASE OVER CURRENT ALLOWABLE DEVELOPMENT: 591,500 to 1,124,000 (total new sf less current allowable sf)						
NOTES			of 0.75 is not enough to allow for mixed-income housing re							-				

development site

1. Current Allowable Floor-Area-Ratio (FAR), Height and Allowable

Development calculations based on SUP.

2. An overall FAR of 2.5 is shown, since the parcels are part of the overall Northern Gateway CDD Site along with the Jaguar

3. Conceptual analysis has shown that the current maximum FAR

of 0.75 is not enough to allow for mixed-income housing redevelopment to occur on the public housing sites. A refined FAR recommendation will be developed during the Braddock East

nlanning process 4. Based on FAR of 3.0 and a 97,000 sf parcel size, net of circulation space for buses, taxis and other vehicles.

Based on a 175,000 sf site area net of Payne Street extension.

6. 1.3 acre park proposed leaving 30,000 sf site area 7. Total modeled for traffic impact analysis, should development occur other than the park.

8. 282,838 SF approved with DSUP.

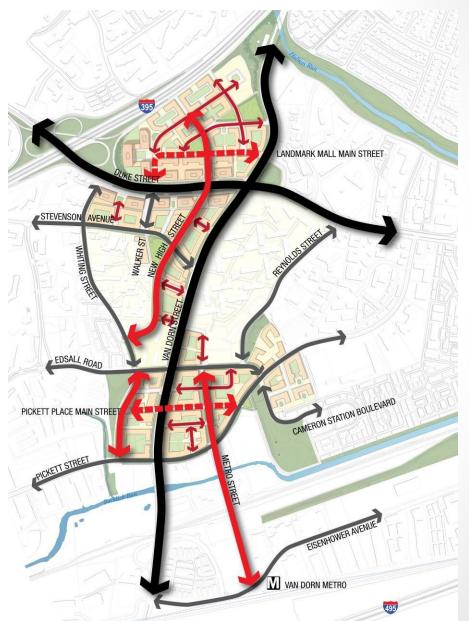
Height and density of these sites will be determined during the Braddock East planning process. Numbers shown here are for the purpose of traffic impact analysis only.



#### Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan

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Add **Street Network** for connectivity and walkability – create walkable neighborhoods









#### Potomac Yard Plan

Adopted 2010

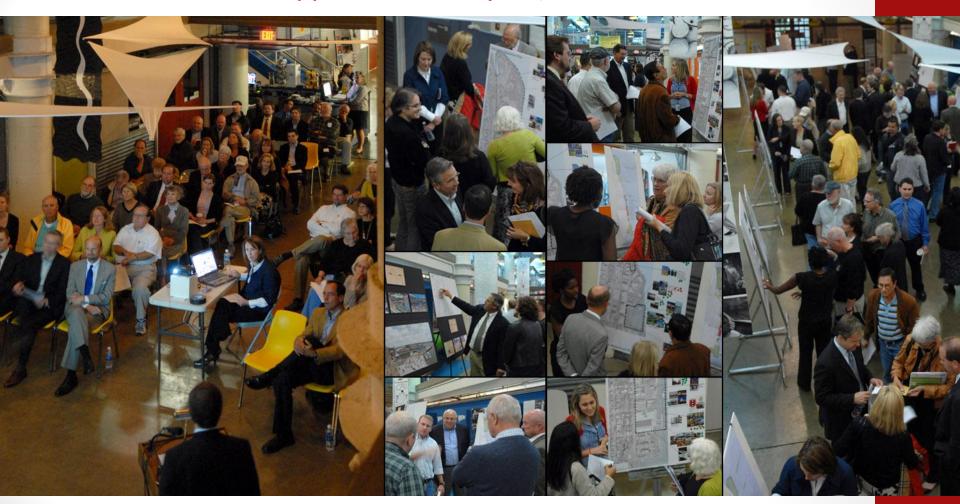




#### Waterfront Plan

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Approved January 21, 2012



#### Beauregard Small Area Plan

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Adopted June 16, 2012







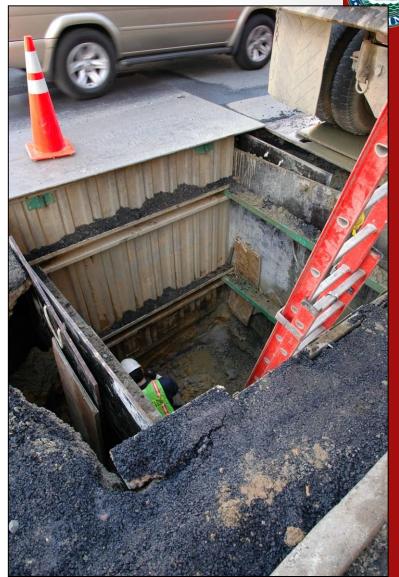
## Planning Work Program

#### APRIL 2012 Draft FY2013 Interdepartmental Long Range Planning Work Program

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	2012					FY2013							201							
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MALL AREA PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION																				
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Braddock Plan Implementation (P&Z)																				
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Landmark North (P&Z)																				
Public Engagement Process (P&Z)																				
Waterfront Small Area Plan (P&Z/RPCA/T&ES)																				
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Housing Master Plan (Housing)																				
Sanitary Sewer Master Plan (T&ES)																				
School Facilities Planning (City/ACPS)																				
Transit Corridor Feasibility Studies (T&ES)																				
Transit Corridor C Implementation (T&ES)																				
Potomac Yard Metro/Corridor A Transit (T&ES) (see note 1)						9														
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## Implementation







#### Zoning

#### 2000 EULTOQUITOTICS.

- (A) Lot size. Each principal use shall be located on a lot with a minimum land area of 8,000 square feet except in the case of a corner lot, in which case the minimum land area shall be 9,000 square feet.
- (B) Lot width. The minimum lot width at the building line shall be 65 feet except in the case of a corner lot, in which case the minimum lot width shall be 80 feet.
- (C) Lot frontage. The minimum lot frontage at the front lot line shall be 40 feet.

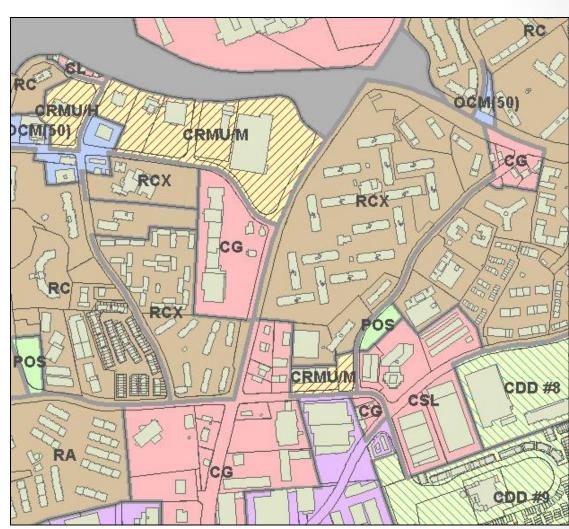
#### 3-306 Bulk and open space regulations.

- (A) Yard requirements.
  - (1) Front yard. Each use shall provide a front yard of at least 30 feet.
  - (2) Side yards. Each residential use shall provide two side yards, each based on a setback ratio of 1:2 and a minimum size of eight feet. Each other use shall provide two side yards, each based on a setback ratio of 1:1 and a minimum size of 25 feet.
  - (3) Rear yard. Each residential use shall provide a rear yard based on a setback ratio of 1:1 and a minimum size of eight feet. Each other use shall provide a rear yard based on a setback ratio of 1:1 and a minimum size of 25 feet.
- (B) FAR. The maximum permitted floor area ratio is 0.35.
- (C) Height. The maximum permitted height of a structure is 35 feet except for a church or school use in which case the maximum permitted height is 40 feet.

(Ord. No. 3912, § 2, 1-25-97)



### Zoning

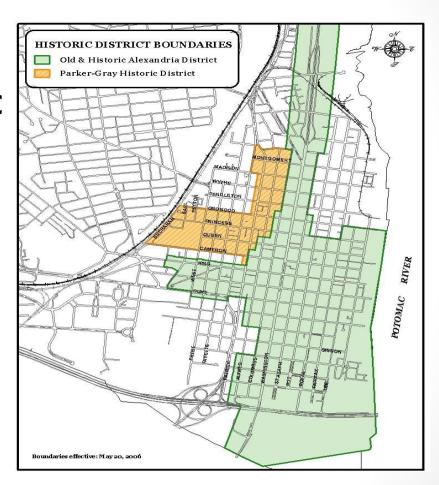


Zoning along Van Dorn Street near Landmark Mall



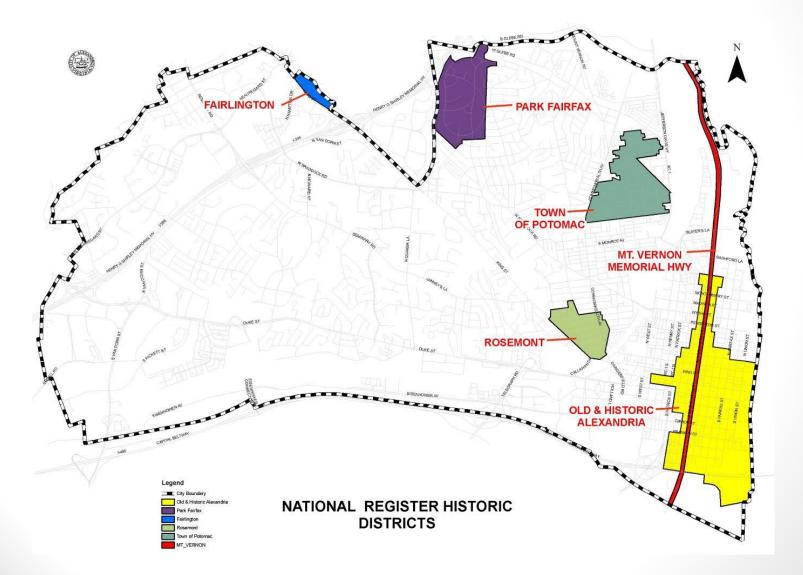
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- Two locally regulated historic districts:
  - Old and Historic Alexandria
  - Parker-Gray



# National Register Historic Districts







#### Permits and Approvals

- Subdivision
- Site Plan
- Special Use Permit
- Rezoning
- Variance
- Special Exception
- Zoning compliance for building permits and business licenses





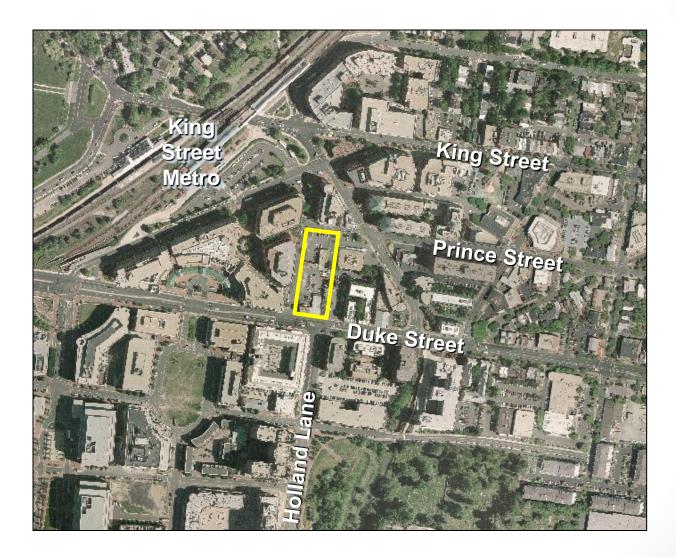
#### Development Review

- Development Special Use Permit
- Development Guidelines
- Exactions





#### **Edmonson Plaza**



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#### Site Context



King St Station office



100-yr old building (1707 Duke)



Whole Foods/ Royalton Condos



Metropolitan Condos



Crate and Barrel Outlet



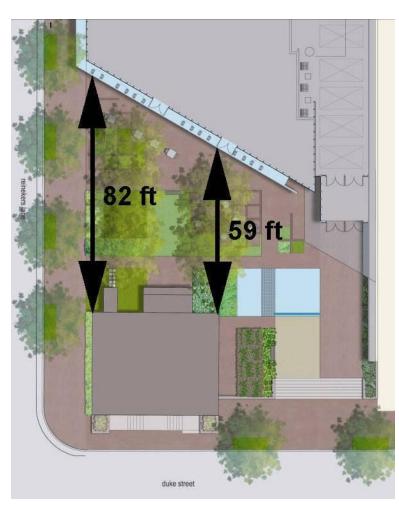
Table Talk Restaurant

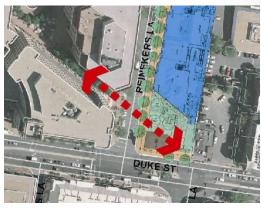


#### Historic Building

- Reinforces

   the
   significance
   of the historic
   building
- Accessible and visible from adjacent streets
- Opportunity for expanded open space when adjacent Table Talk property redevelops





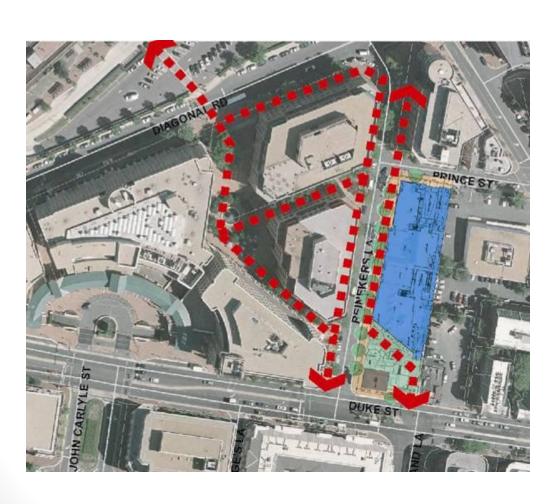
Building angle from King St Station



100-yr old house (north elevation)



#### Pedestrian Route to Metro



- Open space connects to other pedestrian pathways
- •14-16 ft wide sidewalk on Reinekers Ln and Prince St
- •Improved sidewalk on Duke St
- Street trees, pedestrian scaled lighting, trash receptacles, bike racks
- Pedestrianvisible/accessibleground-floor retail

## Design













#### Direction

- Public engagement
- Resolve issues with the community before they get to City Council
- Development exactions for public benefits
- Expect great development



#### What's Next, Alexandria?

- What's Next,
   Alexandria? is a City
   initiative to begin a
   conversation about how
   Alexandrians can best
   participate in shaping
   Alexandria's future.
- The initial community
   poll closed on October 25,
   with more than 1,500
   Alexandrians having
   participated. A summary of
   results is on line.
- Next community dialogue April, 2013





#### Awareness and Engagement



- E-news notification system
  - Community Meetings
  - Document Releases
- Planning and Zoning Web Pages
  - Comment on plans in development
- Planning Commission and Council Dockets
- Community Engagement Effort Under Way



### **Questions?**

#### **Planning & Zoning**

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### **Affordable Housing**

Office of Housing Mildrilyn Davis, Director



#### Housing Agencies and Missions

- City of Alexandria: Office of Housing
  - Affordable housing production
  - Homeownership programs
  - Home rehabilitation programs
  - Landlord-tenant relations
  - Fair housing testing and education
- Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA)
  - Public Housing
  - Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers
  - Tax-Exempt Bonds
  - Redevelopment, Preservation



#### Housing Stock



 Alexandria's housing stock is 56.7% renter-occupied and 43.3% owneroccupied¹

 30% of housing units are single family homes, 24% are multifamily condominiums, 46% are rental apartments<sup>2</sup>

Source: American Community Survey

<sup>1</sup>2010 <sup>2</sup>2008

#### Incomes and Housing Costs

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#### From 2000 to 2012:

- HUD median income for Washington, DC metropolitan area increased by 30%, from \$82,800 to \$107,500
- Average rent for market rate two bedroom unit in Alexandria increased by 71%, from \$1,034 to \$1,776
- Average assessed value of residential property increased by 140%, from \$191,341 to \$458,422:
  - Single family: 143%, from \$260,907 to \$632,958
  - Condominiums: 150%, from \$106,875 to \$266,919



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- Rental housing: up to 60% of the area median family income for the Washington, DC metropolitan area, adjusted for family size. 2012:\* \$58,100 for a three-person household.
- A household at this income can afford a rent of \$1,452 per month.
- The 2012 average market rent for a 2BR unit is \$1,776.

Typical Alexandria Salaries, 2011:



Housekeeper: \$25,000 Affordable Rent: \$625

Retail Sales Person: \$26,000 Affordable Rent: \$650





Auto Mechanic: \$46,500 Affordable Rent: \$1,162

\*Dec 2011 limits; median \$107,500

Child Care Worker: \$24,000

Affordable Rent: \$600





#### Affordable Housing - Sales

- Sales housing:
- Mathematical 80% (as distinct from "capped" HUD figure) of the area median family income for the Washington, DC metropolitan area, adjusted for family size. 2012: \$77,400 for a three-person household.
- A household at this income can afford a purchase price of \$268,000.
- The 2013 average assessed value of an Alexandria condominium is \$266,919.



Elementary Teacher: \$67,000 Affordable purchase price: \$226,000



## Workforce Housing - Rental

- Rental housing: up to the mathematical 80% of median (higher than the HUD "capped" limit), adjusted for family size; currently \$77,400 for a three-person household.
- The income level for workforce rental housing group is the same as that for affordable sales housing.
- The 2012 average market rent for a 2BR unit is \$1,776.
- This is within the \$1,935 that a household at the maximum income level shown above can afford to pay, but is out of reach for households at the lower end of the workforce income range for rental housing.



Culinary Manager: \$64,950 Affordable rent: \$1,624



#### Workforce Housing – Sales

- For <u>sales housing</u>, the City defines workforce housing as affordable to households with incomes from 80% of median (previous slide) to 120% of median, \$116,100 for a three-person household in 2012.
- A household with this income can afford a purchase price of \$424,000.
- The average 2011 assessed values are \$266,919 for condominiums and \$632,958 for single family homes.



Police Officer: \$57,000

Retail Sales Person: \$26,000

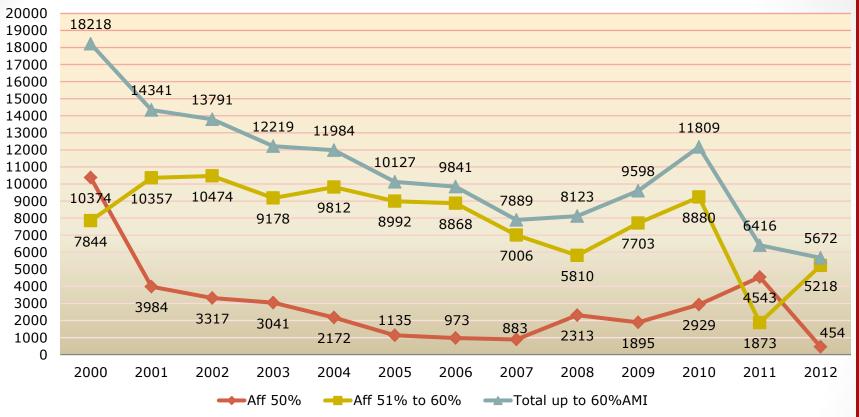
Combined: \$83,000



NOTE: This 3-person household is not eligible for City home purchase assistance, for which eligibility is capped at 100% of median.







#### **Threatened Assisted Rental Housing**

- 871 assisted units of non-Resolution 830 units will face potential loss by June 2015
- An additional 480 units face threats from July 2015 June 2020





 2,935 units registered with the state for condo conversion since November 2004 (1,067 subsequently shelved)

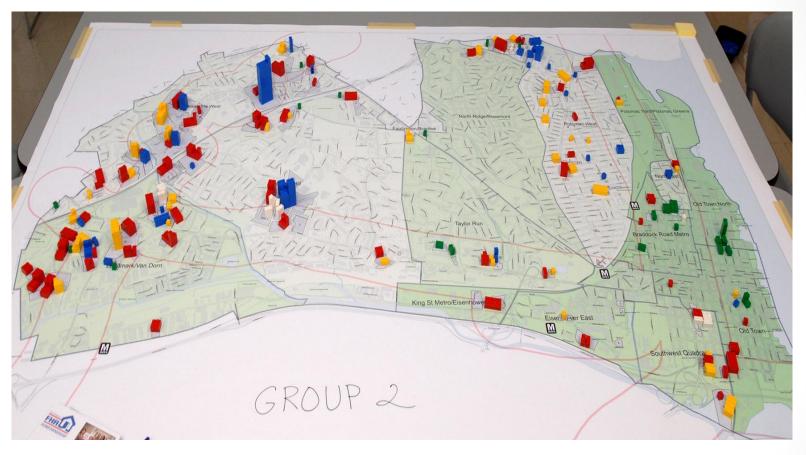


### **Assisted Rental Housing**

Assisted Housing Type	Number of Units
Resolution 830 (public housing and replacement units)	1,150
Non Resolution 830	
Project-Based Sec. 8	950
LIHTC and/or Tax Exempt Bonds	1,378
Set-aside rental units	79
Local assistance (incl. federal CDBG/HOME) only	159
TOTAL	3,716







The 2010 distribution of Alexandria's affordable housing, as depicted with Legos for the Housing Master Plan Allocation Exercise. Each "dot" on a Lego block represents 25 units.

Green = public housing and public housing replacement

White = affordable to households at 30% AMI

Blue = affordable to households at 31% - 50% AMI

Yellow = affordable to households at 51% - 60% AMI

Red = affordable to households at 61% - 80% AMI

### Need for Additional Publicly Assisted Units

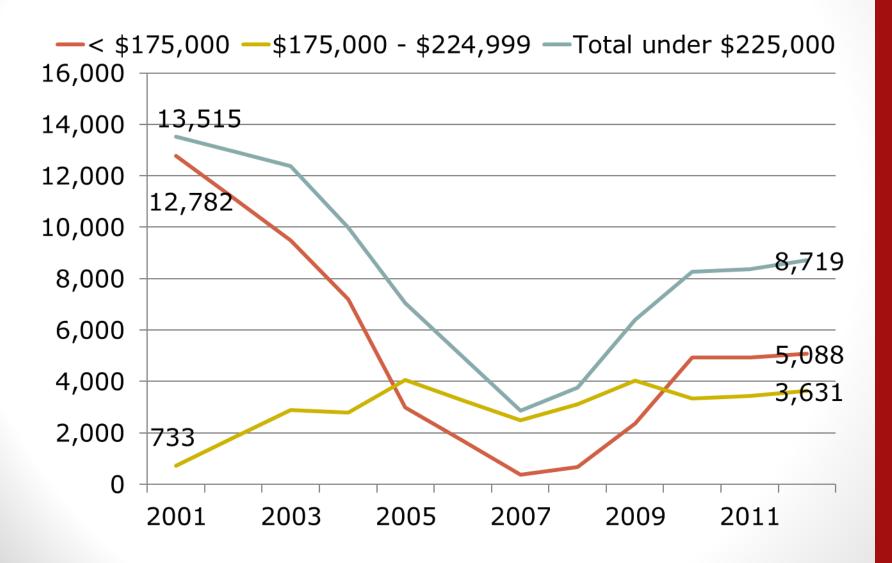
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- Currently 3,710 Publicly Assisted Rental Units
- 2010 Demand was approximately 14,000
- Market Rate Affordable Housing is continuing to decline
- ARHA Voucher Wait list has 7,895 households and the Public Housing Wait list has 7,796 households



# Condominiums Assessed up to \$225,000

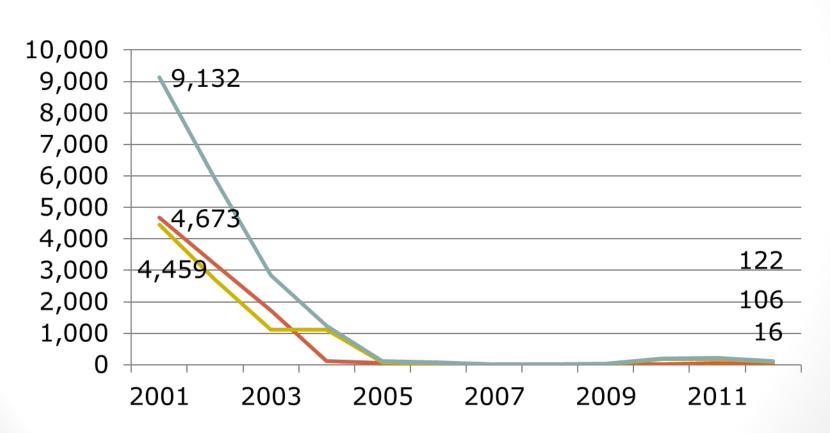




## Single Family Homes Assessed up to \$225,000











- Set-aside sales units: 119 in 12 developments
  - Most set-aside sales units have recorded covenants that require the unit to be resold to an eligible buyer at an affordable price during an affordability period of 15 – 30 years.
  - Covenants have changed over time and resale restrictions vary.
  - Covenant currently in use requires owner to reduce sales price (from appraised value) by a percentage equal to the discount owner received when unit was purchased
  - Housing staff work with owners to find eligible purchasers
- Home purchase assistance units: 81
  - All units receiving City home purchase loans since FY 2010 require owner to reduce sales price (from appraised value) by a percentage equal to the percentage the City assistance represented of the total sales price

## Office of Housing Major Funding Sources



	FY 2012	FY 2013
Federal grants		
•Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,142,519	\$606,236
•Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$815,124	\$373,796
General Fund Dedicated revenues (separate from budget in FY 2012; included in FY 2013)	\$1,651,705 \$587,102	\$2,167,845
Housing Trust Fund (developer contributions and program income)	\$511,500	\$993,966



### Producing Affordable Housing

- Securing affordable units in new developments
  - Using incentives under Zoning Ordinance
  - Voluntary contributions translated into units
- Direct funding support for construction or acquisition/rehabilitation
  - Housing Opportunities Fund
  - Dedicated one cent (now 0.6 cents) on real property tax rate
  - General obligation bonds
  - Development of units by Alexandria Housing Development Corporation and other non-profits
- City support for funding by others

# Set-Aside Units Provided by Developers



- Ownership
  - Kensington Court: 4
  - Portner's Landing: 4
  - Old Town Greens: 10
  - Townes at Cameron Parke: 8
  - Summer's Grove: 12
  - The Preston: 6
  - Residences at Cameron Station: 7
  - The Prescott: 4
  - Alexandria Crossing: 9

(Excludes 55 non-covenanted units, 16 of which are restricted by other means)

- Rental
  - Northampton Place: 12 (in condominium building)
  - The Alexander: 13
  - Halstead Tower: 9\*
  - Carlyle Place:13
  - The Meridian: 15\*
  - The Strand: 2\*
  - Del Ray Central: 9
  - Post Carlyle Square (Carlyle Block 0): 6

\*Initially pledged as ownership units

# Pending Affordable Housing Contributions



- Units pledged, not yet under construction
  - Lane 38 units
  - Stevenson Ave 9 units
  - Hoffman 56 units
  - Mt Vernon Village Center 28 units
  - Braddock Metro Place 10 units
  - The Delaney 23 units
  - Giant at Potomac Yard 12 units
  - Potomac Yard Landbay J 8 units
- Outstanding pledged monetary contributions: \$25,000,000
  - Payable when projects are completed



#### The Station at Potomac Yard



# Voluntary Contribution Formula Update (Pending)



<b>Development Category</b>	2005 Rates	2012 Rates
Non-Residential	\$1.50	\$1.78
Tier 1 Residential		
For-Sale	\$2.00	\$2.37
Rental	\$1.50	\$2.37
Tier 2 Residential	\$4.00	\$4.74

# Beauregard Plan Affordable Housing



- As currently proposed, Plan will provide 800 new (599) and preserved (201) affordable and workforce units, committed for a period of 40 years
- Development will span 40 years; process will be gradual
- Without Plan, current market affordable units could be lost through
  - Rent increases
  - Renovation and repositioning
  - Redevelopment within existing density/FAR



## Non-City Financing for Affordable Housing Development

- Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- Tax Exempt Bond Program
- VHDA Multifamily SPARC Program
- VHDA REACH Initiatives
- Grants (E.g., Federal Home Loan Bank)
- Conventional Loans

## City Assistance for ARHA Redevelopment



- Samuel Madden \$3.5 million (repaid in full) plus \$700K property acquisition
- Quaker Hill \$4.7 million (partially repaid); includes rollover of prior \$1.2 million
- Glebe Park \$5.6 million to pay off HUD-insured mortgage in preparation for redevelopment (partially repaid); \$1.44 million bridge loan (repaid in full)
- James Bland \$4.8 million for 16 off-site replacement units



#### Making Housing Affordable

- Assistance with housing costs
  - Homeownership costs
    - Down payment and closing costs (LIMITED)
    - Mortgage financing (VHDA; LIMITED)
    - Property tax relief (seniors and persons w/disabilities)
    - Home rehabilitation assistance
  - Rental costs
    - Rent subsidies (ARHA, HUD)
    - Rent relief (seniors and persons w/disabilities)
    - Rapid rehousing (homeless)

#### Home Rehabilitation



- Home Rehabilitation Loan Program
  - Provides no-interest loans to income-eligible owner-occupants of single family homes and condominiums
  - Construction cost limit of \$90,000, plus recordation, title search, termite inspection, recording fees and moving and storage expenses.
- Rental Accessibility Modification Program (RAMP)
  - Grants of up to \$50,000 in CDBG monies to modify rental units for persons with disabilities
  - Mini-grants of up to \$1,500 in Housing Trust Fund (non-CDBG) monies for minor items, such as grab bars





### Homeownership Programs

- Flexible Homeownership Assistance Program: nointerest, deferred down payment and closing cost assistance
  - Up to \$50,000 for households up to M80% of median
  - Up to \$30,000 for households up to 100% of median
  - Up to \$10,000 for City, ACPS and selected other employees; no income limit, but maximum sales price
    - Housing staff may administer program for employees of ACVA, AEDP, ATC (DASH), ARHA, and ASA if funded in those agencies' budgets
- Access to VHDA Special Mortgage Financing
- Currently limited to special projects; e.g., resale setaside units; Neighborhood Stabilization Program; ARHA Family Self-Sufficiency Program participants

## Other Office of Housing Programs/Activities

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- Landlord-Tenant Complaint Mediation
- Annual Rent/Vacancy Survey
- Fair Housing Testing Program
- Fair Housing Training

## Alexandria Draft Housing Master Plan







### **Guiding Principles**

- Principle 1: Variety of housing options at all incomes
- Principle 2: Housing choice for all ages and abilities
- Principle 3: Active partnerships
- Principle 4: Key priorities for distribution and preservation
  - Access to transportation and services
  - Strategic preservation or location opportunities
  - Geographic distribution
- Principle 5: Social and cultural diversity through mixed income communities
- Principle 6: Healthy and growing economy requires affordable housing





#### Review and Approval Process

- ✓ Draft Plan Released November 2012
- ✓ Town Hall Meetings
  - ✓ January 24 7-9 Samuel Tucker School
  - √ February 11 7-9 Jefferson Houston School
- PC/CC Work Sessions
  - PC work session March 5
  - CC work session April 9



- Public Hearing and Consideration
  - May or June 2013

# Importance of Affordable Housing

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- Alexandria's ability to offer a spectrum of affordable housing options is both
  - critical to the City's future economic growth, and
  - central to the City's vision of itself as a diverse and caring community.
- The loss of affordable housing over the last decade is a clear and present threat to the City's economic and racial/ethnic diversity.

From the Introduction to the Affordable Housing Initiatives Work Group Interim Recommendations.



## Recent and Current Projects with City Funding

#### ParcView Apartments

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Acquired by Wesley Housing Development Corporation with City assistance; rehabilitation completed



Total units: 159 (120 after Rehab) City investment: \$9 million

#### Beverly Park Apartments

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Acquired by Wesley Housing Development Corporation; rehabilitation completed



Total units: 41 (33 after rehab) City investment: \$2,000,000



#### Beasley Square

Sponsored by Harambee Community and Economic Development Corporation; rehabilitation and new construction in progress; completed January 2011





Total Units: 8 City investment \$1,139,000

#### **Arbelo Apartments**

Acquired by Alexandria Housing Development Corporation from RPJ Housing; rehabilitation pending





Total units: 34 City investment: \$3,500,000





#### Lacy Court Apartments

Acquired by Alexandria Housing Development Corporation from RPJ Housing; windows replaced; CDBG-R stimulus funds designated for energy & other improvements; major rehabilitation pending







City investment: \$7,250,003 Total units: 43

#### Longview Terrace Apartments

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Acquired by Alexandria Housing Development Corporation from RPJ Housing; rehabilitation pending





Total units: 41 City investment: \$3,200,000



#### Quaker Hill

Previous investor's 99% interest in tax credit partnership acquired by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA); rehabilitation completed.





Total units: 60 City investment: \$4,700,000



#### Alexandria Crossing





Total Units: 84 public housing; 9 workforce; 1 RPO; 12 market

City investment: \$7,040,000

## Additional Approved Affordable Housing Development Projects

- Redevelopment Underway
  - James Bland (134 public housing, 245 market rate units), ARHA. To be developed in 5 phases. Phase I and II completed (36 ARHA units, 76 market units) and Phase IV (44 ARHA units, 61 market units) underway. City investment: \$4.8M for 16 replacement units
- Redevelopment Approved
  - James Bland Phase V (includes Phase III)









### **Questions?**

#### Office of Housing

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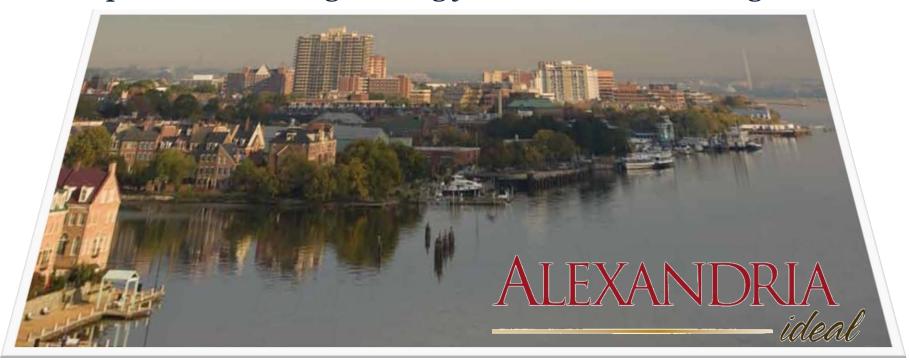
www.alexandriava.gov/Housing



## Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP)



**OUR GOAL** is to strategically support existing and future businesses, development and economic growth in Alexandria in order to ensure that businesses are successful and that the City is competitive with neighboring jurisdictions in our region.



#### **Economic Development in Alexandria**











Sustainability



Accountability



Shared success













#### **Economic Development Vision and Goals**

Alexandria should be a vibrant, creative, diverse City where large and small businesses can locate and grow while enhancing the community's quality of life.

#### Grow the tax base

- ✓ Achieve an even blend of commercial to residential tax base
- ✓ Bring more jobs to the City
- ✓ Promote new commercial development

#### Diversify the economy

- ✓ More depth in federal agency cluster
- ✓ Leverage position relating to presence of USPTO
- ✓ Strengthening retail sector in Old Town and beyond

#### Attract & retain businesses

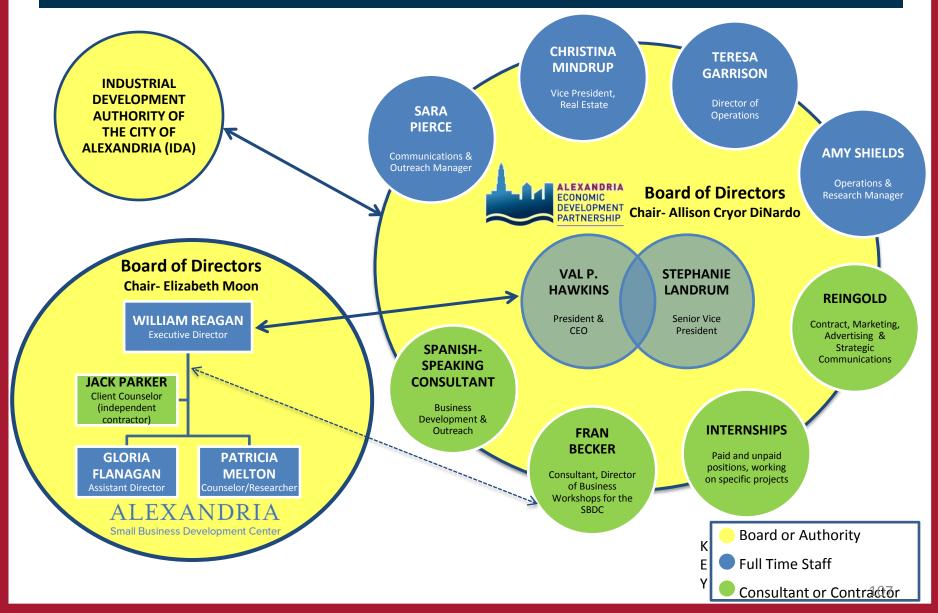
- ✓ Build on the commercial creative cluster
- Expand association and nonprofit cluster
- ✓ Branding of Alexandria

#### **Board of Directors**

- 18 member Board of Directors
- Consists of up to fifteen (15) business representative Directors from:
  - Financial
  - Real Estate
  - Major Employer (with more than 250 employees)
  - Advertising/Public Relations
  - Land Use/Development
  - Attorney/Architect/Planner/Engineer
  - Information Technology
  - Defense Industry
  - Trade or Professional Association
- One citizen Director; and
- Two ex officio directors; elected official or Alexandria City staff member to be appointed annually by the Alexandria City Council and the Chairman of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce or its designee.



#### Organizational Chart & Relationships

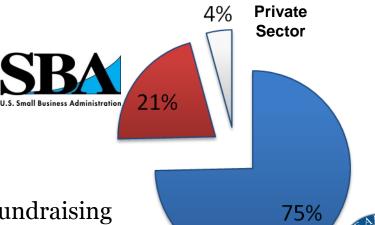


#### ALEXANDRIA

Small Business Development Center

**Mission:** To strengthen small businesses and promote economic growth by providing quality services such as management consulting, educational programs and access to business resources.

**Funding:** A mixture of local, federal and private dollars support the Center.



- Founded in 1996
- Organized as a 501(c)(3) to allow for fundraising
- Board of Directors includes representation from all funders

# **Industrial Development Authority**

**Mission:** To provide financing assistance to qualified businesses and organizations wishing to make an investment within the City of Alexandria.

**Structure:** A seven-member body appointed by the Alexandria City Council for staggered four-year terms, the IDA was created by ordinance of the City Council according to the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act of Code of Virginia.

**Details:** The IDA acts as a conduit, issuing bonds and lending proceeds to 501(c)(3) organizations, small manufacturers and others. The financial markets set interest rates on such bonds below comparable rates for taxable financings because bondholders can exclude interest on the bonds from their gross income.

- Staffed by AEDP
- Fees collected are dedicated to economic development



# City's Strategic Plan

**Goal 1:** There is quality development and redevelopment, support for local business and a strong, diverse and growing local economy.

**Vision:** Pursue objectives to sharpen Alexandria's competitive advantage and profile within the region through:

- Discerning development
- Operational excellence
- Community investment through incentives





## What We Do



BUSINESS ATTRACTION& RECRUITMENT

 PROMOTION of Alexandria as an IDEAL place for business

BUSINESS RETENTION & SUPPORT

#### **Resulting in:**

- Filling vacant office space
- Filling vacant retail space
- Creating jobs

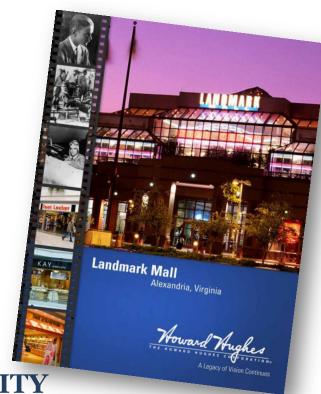


### More of What We Do

• INFLUENCE REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS



SOURCE OF REAL ESTATE & ECONOMIC INFORMATION



 LIAISON BETWEEN THE CITY AND BUSINESSES

#### **Resulting in:**

- Encouraging and activating NEW commercial development
- Rebalancing the commercial and residential tax base
- Creating a common set of economic facts
- Maintaining & building on City's new 'business-friendly' reputation

#### Attracting Federal Government agencies & contractors





#### **Encourage legislative changes:**

- Higher GSA Prospectus cap rate for Alexandria & Arlington
- Change of DoD lease specs to weigh access to transit as an important decision criteria





# Strengthening retail and tourism infrastructure and Supporting and strengthening small business

#### Focus on Retail:

- Comprehensive retail database
- Co-market space to desired retailers
- Broker outreach and events (ICSC)
- Sharing FACTS with civic groups



Work in retail neighborhoods to build and support business organizations and efforts

Educational Workshop, Brown Bag, Roundtable events year-round



#### Promoting new commercial development



#### Retaining key private office tenants

AEDP/City team approach

Market existing competitive advantage

Post-mortems on economic wins/losses

Outreach meetings with existing businesses







#### Expanding Association & Nonprofit segment

- Fourth largest concentration of Associations and Non-profits in the United States- more than 420
  - Boat US- Boat Owners Association
  - United Way
  - American Physical Therapy Association
  - Salvation Army
  - Gifts in Kind
  - Volunteers of America
  - American Diabetes Association
  - Catholic Charities USA
  - American Society of Clinical Oncology





Bond financing program: Industrial Development Authority



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# **Questions?**

#### Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc.

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www.alexecon.org



# ACVA'S STRATEGIC GOALS



To promote a healthy, dynamic, growing economy for the benefit of our citizens, business owners and attractions through tourism marketing.

To generate measurable gains in visitorship, overnight stays, and higher overall spending.



Nonprofit organization funded by:

- City of Alexandria
- ACVA Members

Members: Hotels, Restaurants, Shops, Arts & Historic Attractions, Tour Businesses, etc.

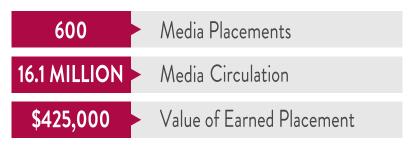
#### **OUR STRONG MOMENTUM**

#### **BREAKTHROUGHS IN 2012**

#### **ADVERTISING**

100 MILLION > Households Reached

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**



#### WEBSITE/VISITALEXANDRIAVA.COM

1 MILLION - Unique Visitors

#### **VISITOR SERVICES**

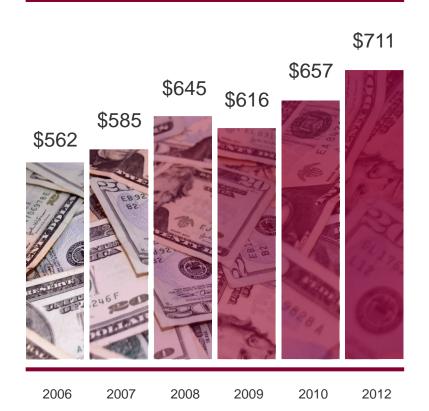
400,000	Visitors' Guide
300,000	Official Maps
80,000	Ramsay House Visits

#### **CONFERENCES & MEETINGS**

188	Meetings/Group Bookings
\$6 MILLION >	Value of Bookings

#### **TOURISM ECONOMIC IMPACT 2011**

# ANNUAL TOURISM SPENDING IN ALEXANDRIA (IN MILLIONS)



In five years, visitor spending increased 22 percent in Alexandria, dramatically outpacing the rest of Virginia, which averaged an increase of 9 percent.

(Source: Virginia Tourism Corporation, US Travel Association, Smith Travel Research))

#### **TOURISM ECONOMIC IMPACT 2011**

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MILLION

ANNUAL VISITORS
TO ALEXANDRIA

\$711 MILLION

\$23.1 MILLION

CITY TAX REVENUE 6,067

ALEXANDRIA JOBS VISITOR
SPENDING
GENERATED

(Source: Virginia Tourism Corporation, US Travel Association, Smith Travel Research)

# 4:1 RETURN ON INVESTMENT

AN INDEPENDENT STUDY FOUND THAT EVERY \$1 SPENT ON TOURISM MARKETING GENERATED \$133 IN VISITOR SPENDING AND \$4 IN ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUE.

#### WHAT'S AHEAD: 2013 PLAN



#### **New Marketing Campaign**

Launch new marketing campaign: Fall 2013



# **Questions?**

#### **Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association**

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# Supplemental Information

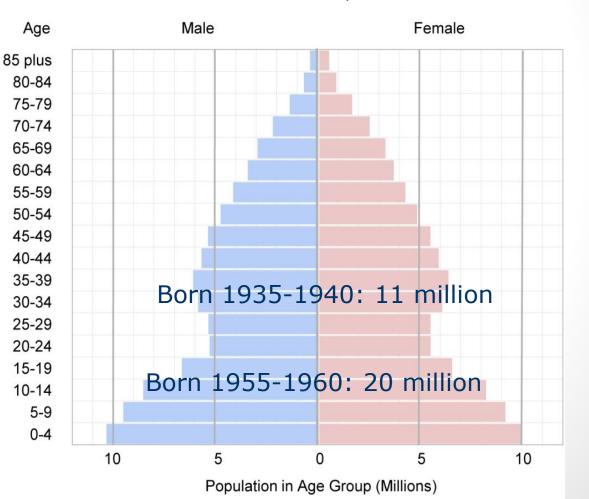
- Baby boom impacts
- School enrollment history and projections



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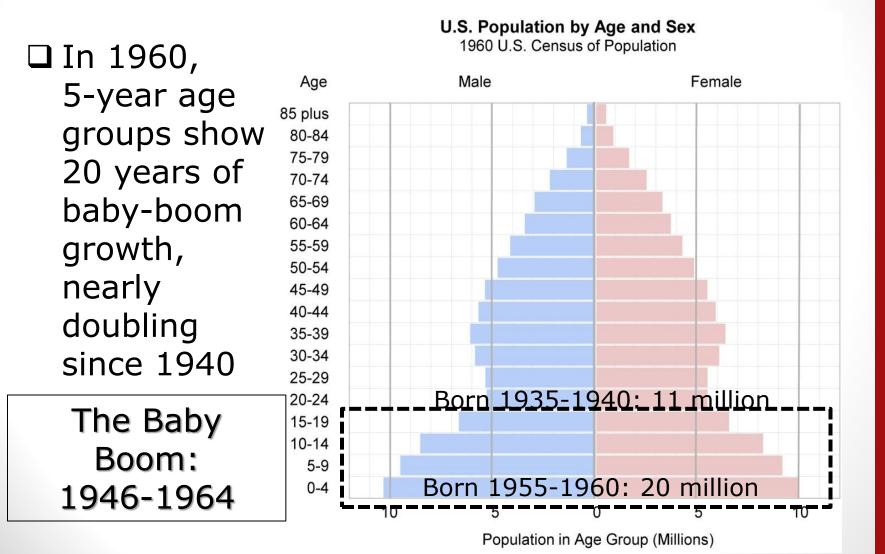
- □ 5-year age groups, with oldest at the top and youngest at the bottom.
- □ From 1940 to 1960, the number of births per year nearly doubled

#### U.S. Population by Age and Sex 1960 U.S. Census of Population



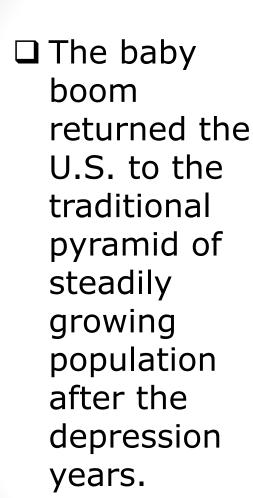


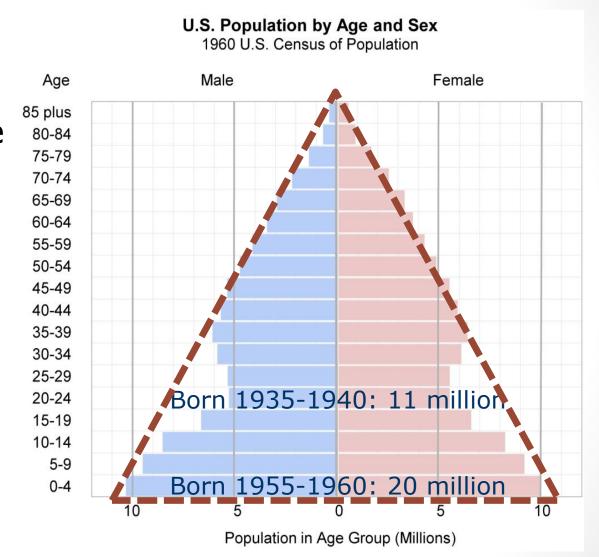
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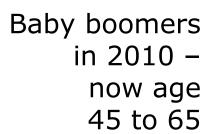


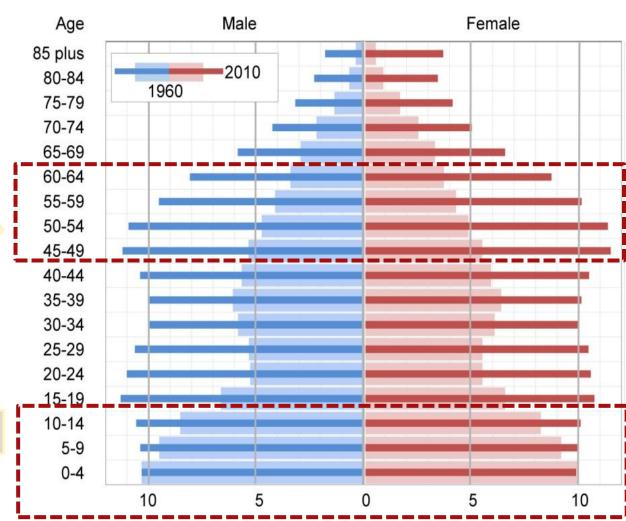




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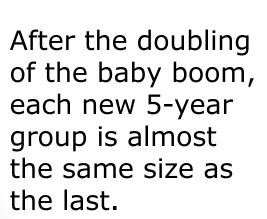


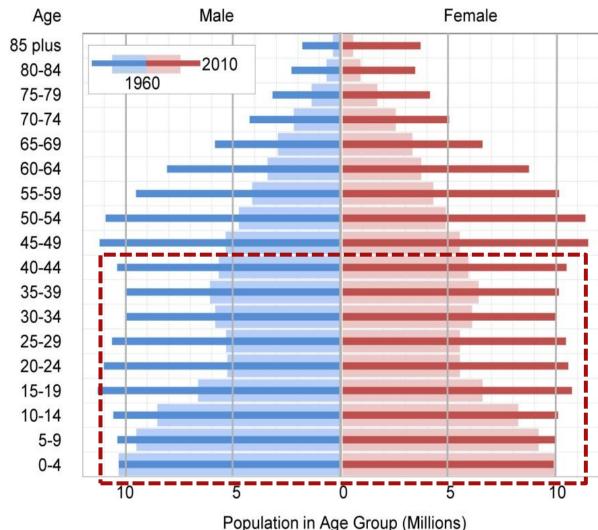
Baby boomers in 1960

Population in Age Group (Millions)

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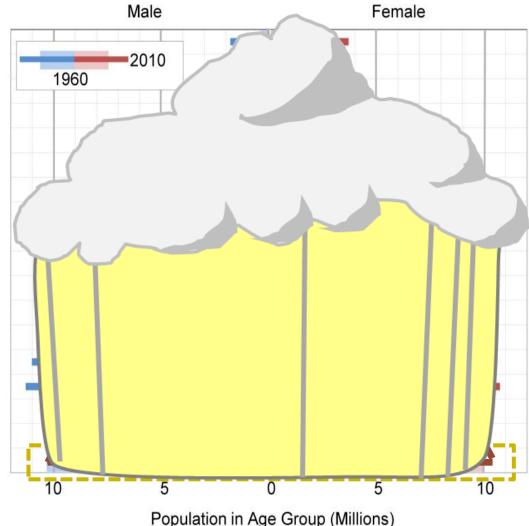


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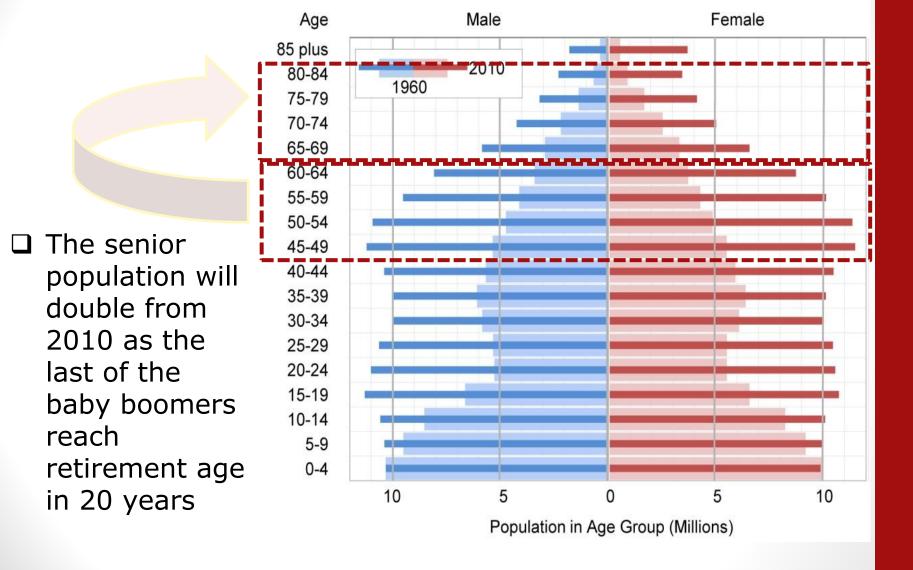
- □ With similar populations in each age group, the classic pyramid from 1960 has become a cupcake.
- ☐ The 0-4 age group in 2010 is almost exactly the same size as it was in 1960.





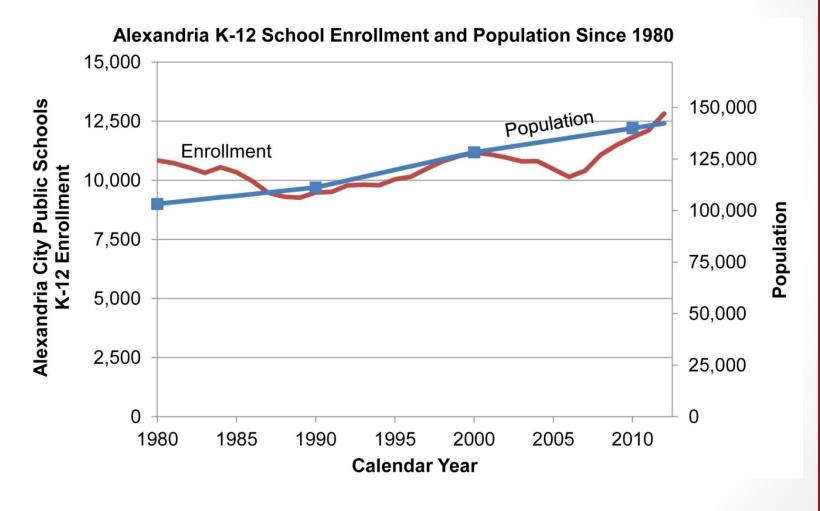
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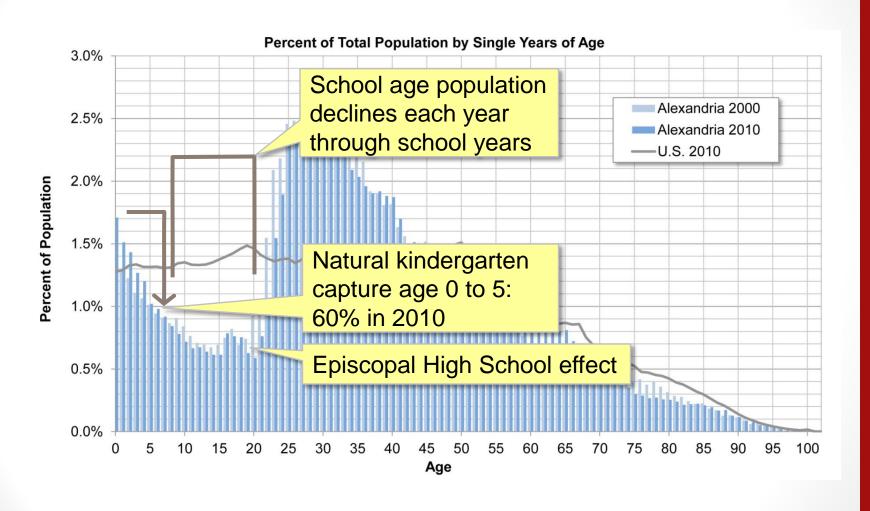








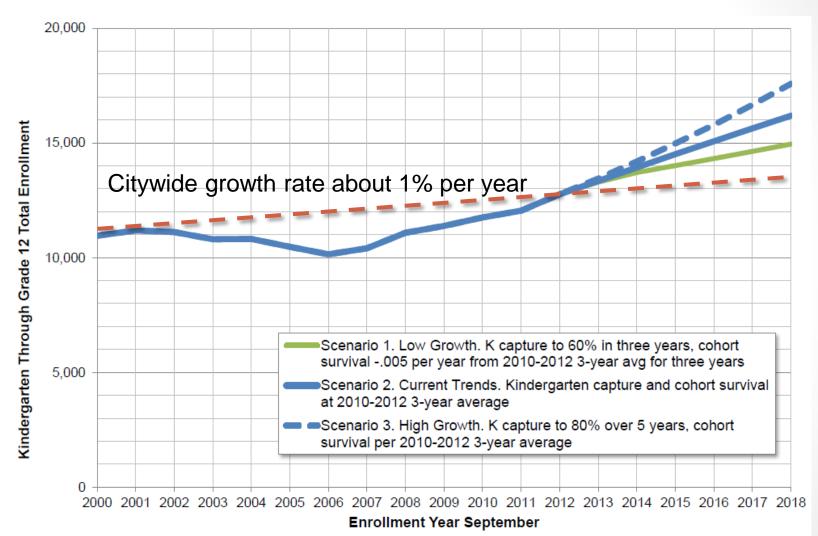
# Kindergarten Capture







## **Enrollment Scenarios**







# Enrollment by Grade

ACPS Enrollment By Grade, 1999 - 2012

